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chased boroughs, but you will have a right to expect from your representative that he will follow your example, and do his duty honestly and independently, by gratuitously bestowing his best services for his country's good.

Upon these principles, I offer myself a Candidate at the next election, confidently relying, that your conviction of the importance of these considerations, will impel you to the Hustings at your own expense.

I pledge myself to you, that if I am elected, I will most strenuously promote and support a Reform in Parliament, and will attach myself neither to those who possess, nor to those who seek the emoluments of office; having no views in soliciting your suffrages beyond the gratification of serving my country.

I am, Gentlemen, your faithful friend and servant,

WILLIAM HALLETT.

Dewford, March, 1812.

RESOLUTIONS.

At a meeting of the Merchants, Ship-Owners, Tradesmen, and other Inhabitants of the town of Liverpool, assembled by the Worshipful the Mayor, for the purpose of taking into consideration, and adopting such measures as may be deemed necessary, in order to obtain to this port the benefit of a participation in the trade to the East Indies.

John Bourne, esq. Mayor, in the Chair.

Resolved—That we, in common with the rest of our fellow subjects, have a right to a free trade with all parts of the British Empire, and other countries, in amity with these United Kingdoms, subject only to such general regulations of trade as the policy of this country may require, or as may be necessary for maintaining the relations of these realms, with foreign states, and securing to government those revenues which may be necessary for its support.

Resolved—That we humbly conceive that the great object of all legislative regulation in the commercial concerns of the country is the protection of this equal right in the subject, and the further extension of an honourable, just and legitimate commerce, and that therefore all monopolies which exclude the general body of the people from trading with other countries, are in derogation of the birth-right of the subject, and counteract the chief purpose which they ought to have in view.

Resolved—That the monopoly of the East India Company is an additional instance, with others that might be adduced of the

injurious consequences that must always attend such attempts at an exclusive traffic, and that we conceive it to have been fully demonstrated, not only by the most conclusive reasoning, but by incontrovertible facts, that such monopoly is prejudicial to the general interests of the country at large, and discourages that commercial spirit, which, from the nature and local situation of these Islands, is indispensable to their prosperity, and upon which their security, at this moment, essentially depends.

Resolved—That upon these grounds we will most cordially unite with our fellow subjects, the inhabitants of other towns and sea ports in the kingdom, in petitions to the legislature, for the abolition of the commercial monopoly of the East-India Company, in such most speedy and effectual manner as they may in their wisdom judge most expedient.

Resolved—That the petition to the House of Commons, now proposed and read to this meeting, is approved, and that the same be signed by the chairman, and the persons attending this meeting, and by such others as may think proper to sign the same.

Resolved—That the chairman be requested to transmit such petition to the members for the town of Liverpool, in order that they may present the same.

Resolved—That a committee be appointed for the purpose of corresponding with other great towns and collective bodies of the manufacturing and commercial interest throughout the kingdom, and adopting such measures as they may conceive to be most likely to carry these resolutions into effect.

The following gentlemen were then appointed a committee, to carry into effect the foregoing resolutions:

William Roscoe, esq.	Adam Lodge, esq.
John Gladstone, esq.	Anthony Littledale, esq.
Cyrus Morrell, esq.	Charles Lawrence, esq.
William Burton, esq.	Moses Benson, esq.
John Richardson, esq.	Charles Turner, esq.
George Islam, esq.	Joseph Brooks Yates, esq.
Richard Piford, esq.	Jacob Fletcher, esq.
Thomas Bourne, esq.	Robert Bagott, esq.
Joseph Leigh, esq.	William Ewart, esq.
John Tobin, esq.	William Rathbone, esq.
Thos. Fletcher, esq.	

The Mayor having left this Chair, it was

Resolved—That this thanks of the meeting be given to the Mayor for his ready acquiescence in calling the same, and for his conduct in the chair, which was unanimously carried.